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Subject: Baker Beach Dunes Restoration (02-06-0025-15)

To: Regional Forester

Mapleton District Ranger William Helphinstine signed a Decision Notice (DN) for the Baker Beach Dunes Restoration Environmental Assessment (EA). Mr. David Foulkes appealed the decision.

I conducted my review in accordance with 36 CFR 215. My review was to ensure that the analysis and decision comply with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. The appeal record, including the appellant's objections and requested relief, have been thoroughly reviewed.

The appeal focuses on the adequacy of the data used in the analysis, and asserts that the proposal represents a million-dollar-plus, 10-year destruction of Baker Beach dunes ecosystem for which the impacts have not been thoroughly addressed. In addition, the appeal asserts the EA did not seriously consider Alternative 1 relevant to health risks and project costs.

My recommendation is based upon the following evaluation.

Clarity of the Decision and Rationale

I have examined the stated purpose and need for the project and find it is consistent with national policy, agency objectives, and the Forest Plan. The selected alternative will accomplish the stated purpose and need.

I find the Responsible Official's logic is adequately described by the DN. The selected alternative responds to both public and agency comments. The project description and implementation requirements described in the DN, EA, and supporting documentation are clear.

I believe the District Ranger made a reasoned and informed decision, and I agree with the decision as described by the DN. The decision documentation clearly demonstrates and supports the purpose and need for and the benefits and environmental consequences of the alternatives, including the selected alternative.

The decision documentation is consistent with the Land and Resource Management Plan. The project proposal is consistent with Agency policy and direction. The decision documentation indicates that the District Ranger carried out an extensive process for providing public participation opportunities and responding to comments.



Requested Changes and Objections of the Appellant

The appellant's requested relief, in general, is that the decision be reversed. After reviewing the appellant's assertions and supporting rationale, granting the requested relief is not warranted.

Based on my review, I recommend you affirm the District Ranger's decision.

/s/ Lisa E. Freedman

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